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John Keniston

Betsey Bean Keniston

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1843
 Peter Bean Lane
Clam
 Job Keniston
 823

Evidence from
 Washington
 in favor of J. Lincoln
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 State rejected

I Betsy Bean — — — of comwall in the County of Lumersett and State of Maine, aged (80) Eighty years, do, upon oath, declare in order to obtain the benefit of a Resolve of the Legislature of Maine, passed March 24, 1836, entitled a "Resolve additional to a Resolve, passed March seventeenth, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-five, entitled 'Resolve in favor of certain Officers and Soldiers of the Revolutionary War, and the Widows of the deceased Officers and Soldiers,'" ~~that I am the widow of~~

~~and the 20th March 1838 and the 18 March 1842 in favor of certain officers and Soldiers and the widows of dead officers and Soldiers~~
That I was the widow of John Keniston of Hawk County of Rockingham State of New Hampshire who died at Chelmsbury N. H. Nov 28 1784 and I have reason to believe and do fully believe that my said late husband John Keniston ~~did~~ enlist in the army of the revolution and served more than three years

I do further on oath declare that I have reason to believe, and do fully believe, that my said late husband, John Keniston — was at the time of his said enlistment, an inhabitant of the town of Hawk County of Rockingham New Hampshire

and that I do know that he was at the time of his decease as aforesaid, an inhabitant of the said ~~State of Maine~~ New Hampshire, residing in Hawk aforesaid, where he had resided for years before his decease. That I have reason to believe, and do fully believe, that neither my said late husband, nor any one claiming under him did receive, (nor have I received since his decease,) a grant of land, or money in lieu thereof, either from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, or the State of Maine, for his said service, or any other service during the Revolutionary War, and that I am therefore justly entitled to the full benefit of said Resolve.

Witness
John M. Pollard
Sept 28 1843

Betsy Bean

STATE OF MAINE.

Lumersett

ss....Subscribed and sworn to this fourteenth day of January 1843
BEFORE ME,

John M. Pollard

Justice of the Peace.

I *Betsy Bean* — — — of *Sumner* in the County of
Sumner and State of Maine, aged *(80) Eighty* years, do, upon oath, declare
in order to obtain the benefit of a Resolve of the Legislature of Maine, passed March 24, 1836, entitled
a "Resolve additional to a Resolve, passed March seventeenth, in the year of our Lord one thousand
eight hundred and thirty-five, entitled 'Resolve in favor of certain Officers and Soldiers of the Revo-
lutionary War, and the Widows of the deceased Officers and Soldiers,'" ~~that I am the widow of~~
late of in the County of
and state of Maine, who died at on the
day of A. D. That I have reason to believe, and do fully believe
that my said late husband, did enlist

and served more than three years

I do further on oath declare that I have reason to believe, and do fully believe, that my said late
husband, *John Reviston* — was at the time of his said enlistment, an inhabitant of
the town of Hawk county of rockingham New Hampshire
and that I do know that he was at the time of his decease as aforesaid, an
inhabitant of the said ~~State of Maine~~ *New Hampshire*, residing in *Hawk* aforesaid, where he had resided for
years before his decease. That I have reason to believe, and do fully believe,
that neither my said late husband, nor any one claiming under him did receive, (nor have I received
since his decease,) a grant of land, or money in lieu thereof, either from the Commonwealth of Massa-
chusetts, or the State of Maine, for his said service, or any other service during the Revoluti ary
War, and that I am therefore justly entitled to the full benefit of said Resolve.

Witness
John M. Pollard
Sept 24 B. March

Betsy Bean

STATE OF MAINE.

Sumner

ss....Subscribed and sworn to this *fourteenth* day of *February* 18*43*
BEFORE ME,

John M. Pollard

Justice of the Peace.

Know all Men by these Presents, That I

Betsy Bean -- of *Cornwall* -- in the County of *Somerset* and State of Maine, being the same person by whom the foregoing declaration was made, do hereby constitute and appoint *John Sinclair* of *Bangor* -- my true and lawful Attorney for me and in my name, to receive from the Land Agent of the State of Maine, such certificate as he may issue to me, in virtue of a Resolve of the said State, passed March 24, 1836, entitled a "Resolve additional to a Resolve, passed March seventeenth, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty five, entitled 'Resolve in favor of certain Officers and Soldiers of the Revolutionary War, and the Widows of the deceased Officers and Soldiers,'" to the benefit of which Resolve I am entitled. And my said Attorney is hereby authorized and empowered upon the receipt of said certificate, for me and in my name, to execute such receipt or acknowledgment therefor, as I might, were I personally present.

HEREBY ratifying and confirming whatever my Attorney shall do by virtue hereof, Witness my hand and seal this *fourteenth* day of *February* A. D. 18*43*

SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED
IN PRESENCE OF

John M. Pollard
Stephen B. Marsh

Betsy Bain

STATE OF MAINE.

Somerset ss. *at Cornwall*

Be it Known, that on this *fourteenth* day of *February* 18*43*, before the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace for said County, personally appeared *Betsy Bean* -- above named, and acknowledged the foregoing power of Attorney by her signed, to be her free act and deed.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto subscribe my name the day and year last above mentioned.

John M. Pollard Justice of the Peace.
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834.
Betsy Kerverson
widow of
John Kerverson
Denmark —

Rejected
Served 24 mo. 11 da

I Betsey Kenerson of Denmark in the County of Oxford & State of Maine aged eighty seven years, do upon oath declare in order to obtain the benefit of a Resolve of the Legislature of Maine approved February 29th 1844 entitled "Resolve in favor of certain officers and soldiers of the Revolutionary War" and of the Resolves therein referred to & reviewed that I am the widow of John Kenerson late of said Denmark who was a soldier in the War of the Revolution, that said John was a pensioner of the U. States and died at said Denmark on the 29th day of October A.D. 1833; that said John at the time of his enlistment was an inhabitant of the town of Lebanon in the County of York and then Commonwealth of Massachusetts, now State of Maine, where he resided for a few years after the close of said War when he moved to said Denmark where he resided until the time of his death; that to the best of my recollection and belief he enlisted and served in said War at one time for the term of three years, but as I am aged and infirm and my recollection very poor I can not state the particulars of his services and hereby refer to the papers of the said John on file at the Pension Office at Washington in his application for a pension, in support of this my application.

I do further declare that at the time of the said John's enlistment I was an inhabitant of said Lebanon, and was on the 17th day of March 1835, have been ever since and now am an inhabitant of the State of Maine residing in

Denmark aforesaid where I have resided for fifty
years past; That neither the said John nor any
one claiming under him, nor I nor any one
claiming under me, ever received or have
ever received a grant of land or money in
lieu thereof either from the Commonwealth of
Massachusetts, or from the State of Maine
for said John's service during the Revo-
lutionary War, and that I am justly
entitled to the benefit of said Resolue

Witness David Hammond,

Betsy ~~X~~ ^{Berry} Kenerson
Mark.

Oxford ss. Feb. 4. 1845 Then personally appeared the above
named Betsy Kenerson and made oath that the
above statement by her subscribed is true
Before me David Hammond Just of Peace

I certify that the accompanying pages numbered from one to twenty inclusive are truly copied from the original papers on file in the Office of the Commissioner of Pensions

O. D. Robt

Washington March 29th 1845

I hereby certify that O. D. Robt who has signed the above certificate has been employed by me to copy papers wanted for the Land Agent of the State of Maine, and that his certificate is entitled to credit. The copies were carefully compared with the original papers by competent persons under my direction

J L Edwards

Commissioner of Pensions

Pension Office March 29th 1845

Be it remembered, That James L. Edwards, who has signed the foregoing certificate, is Commissioner of Pensions, and that to his attestations full faith and credit are and ought to be given

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the Seal of the Department to be affixed, on this twenty ninth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty five

W. L. Marcy
Secretary of War

I John Hinson of Denmark in the County of Oxford and Commonwealth of Massachusetts testify and declare upon oath, that I served as a Private Soldier in the Revolutionary war about two years, I enlisted on the twentieth day of December 1781 at Berwick (Maine) was mustered & sent to Boston by Ichabod Goodwin, now Gen. Goodwin of that place, when I arrived at Boston, I was ordered to join the Army at West Point, I was attached to the Company commanded by Lt. Eldin in the fourth Regiment in Massachusetts Line, through I served about a year of the time as a waiter to General Mr. Douglass, afterwards returned and joined my company again and continued with them till the close of the war - when I was discharged at or near West Point, on the thirty first day of Decr. 1783 I served all this time on the Continental establishment. I further state from my reduced circumstances in life I stand in need of assistance from my country for support I have lost my discharge & have not seen it for about thirty years. I have no other evidence now in my power at hand of my said services I am about fifty five years of age

Apr 11

John Hinson

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
County of Oxford S.S. I the Subscriber Register of

the Court of Probate in said County, do at Fry-
burg in said County on this twenty fifth day of
July A.D. 1818 certify and make known that the
Hon. Judah Dana who signed the foregoing
certificate is Judge of said Court of Probate
& first associate Justice of the Circuit Court of
Common Pleas in the first Eastern Circuit in
said Commonwealth & that said Instrument
is under the seal of said Probate Court

Attest Sim: Osgood Register of
Probate

I Joseph White of Uxbridge & do testify and say that
I have been acquainted with John Kennerson from
a boy, & knew him to be a soldier in the Revolutionary
war more than two years he belonged to a company
belonging to the fourth Regiment in Pattersons Brig-
ade, as I did not belong to the same company
or Regiment with him, I cannot now say what
company it was, but he was in the same Brigade
with me and as we were acquainted from boys
we frequently saw each other in the Army I am
positive that he was in the Continental Estab-
lishment more than two years

Joseph ^{his} X White
mark

Attest Judah Dana

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
County of Oxford N.H. July 20th. 1818 then personally

appeared the above named Joseph White, who is a
disinterested and credible witness and made oath
to the truth of the foregoing Deposition by him
subscribed before me Judah Dana Just. Peace
& Judge of Probate &c

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
County of Oxford N.H.

I Timothy Osgood Register
of the Court of Probate within and for the County
of Oxford aforesaid hereby certify that Judah Dana
before whom the within deposition of Joseph White
and the accompanying deposition of Samuel
Fall were taken, is a Justice of the Peace and
Civil Magistrate within and for said County
and duly qualified to act as such

(L.S.)

In testimony whereof I have hereunto
set my hand and the seal of the
said Court this twenty sixth day of
Decr A.D. 1818

Sim: Osgood
Register of Probate &c

Samuel Fall of Baitlett do testify and say that
I am personally acquainted with John Kennerson
the signer of the within affidavit & know that
he served in the Revolutionary War as he has therein
stated & that from his reduced circumstances in life

he stands in need of assistance from his Country
for support July 13

Samuel Hall

County of Oxford N.H. July 13-1818 Then personally appear-
ed the aforesaid Samuel Hall who is a disinterested
and credible witness and made oath to the truth
of the foregoing certificate by him signed before
me Indath Dana Just. Peace and Judge &c &c
Commonwealth of Massachusetts

County of Oxford N.H. On this eleventh day of April
1818 before me the Subscriber Judge of ^{the} Court
of Probate in sd. County and first Associate
Justice of the Circuit Court of Common Pleas
in the first Eastern Circuit in sd. Massachusetts
personally appeared the within named John
Kerinson a resident of Denmark in said
County, who being by me first duly sworn
according to law, doth, on his oath make the
within and foregoing declaration by him signed
in order to obtain the provision of an act of
Congress entitled an act to make provision
for certain persons engaged in the land and
naval service of the United States in the
Revolutionary War. - Sworn to and declared
before me the day & year aforesaid

Indath Dana Judge &c &c

I Indath Dana Judge &c as aforesaid do certify
that it appears to my satisfaction that the said
John Kerinson did serve in the Revolutionary War
as stated in the preceding declaration against the
common enemy for the term of nine months
on the Continental establishment and from his
reduced circumstances he stands in need of assist-
ance from his Country for support, and I now
transmit the proceedings & testimony taken and
had before me to the Secretary for the War Depart-
ment pursuant to the directions of the aforesaid
Act of Congress

(L.S.)

In testimony whereof I have hereunto
set my hand & affixed the Seal
of the said Court of Probate this
twenty fifth day of July 1818
Indath. Dana Justice &c

Declaration

In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress
of the 7th July 1838 entitled "An act granting half
pay and pensions to certain widows" State of Maine
N.H. On this twentieth eight day of March in the
year eighteen hundred and forty four, personally
appeared ^{before me} the Subscriber, Judge of the Court of
Probate, within and for the County of Oxford,
Betsey Kerinson a resident of Denmark in the
County of Oxford, aged as she believes eighty
seven years, who being first sworn according to

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I, Betsy X Keniston, doth on her oath make the following declaration
in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made
by the Act of Congress, passed July 7 1838, entitled
"An act granting half pay, ^{and} pensions to certain
widows" That she was the widow of John Keniston
who was a soldier in the War of the Revolution
and that she cannot state the particulars of his
service, but that he lived in said Denmark
and was a pensioner for many years before he
died, and for the particulars of his services she
would refer to the papers filed in his application
for a pension. She further declares that she was
married to said Keniston at Lebanon in the
County of York by the Rev. Isaac Hasey on the
second or third day of April and she is not
certain which in the year seventeen hundred
and eighty four, that her husband, the aforesaid
John Keniston died, at said Denmark on the
night of the 29th of October A.D. 1833, that she
was not married to him prior to his leaving
the service but the marriage took place previous
to the first of January seventeen hundred and
ninety four viz at the time above stated; that
her maiden name was Betsy Tall

Betsy X Keniston
Subscribed and sworn to on the day & year before written
Before Samuel Rawson Judge, the cause of ~~taking of~~
taking this declaration out of Court was on account of
the old age and infirmity of the declarant, who

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was unable to attend the regular term of said
Court

Samuel Rawson Judge

State of Maine
Oxford County S.S. I the Subscriber, Register of the
Court of Probate, in & for said County, hereby
certify that Lyman Rawson, before whom the fore-
going proceedings were had, & whose genuine signature
is above written is Judge of the Court of Probate
aforesaid. I also certify that the foregoing contains
the original proceedings of said Judge in the
matter of the application of Betsy Keniston
for a pension

(S.S.)

In witness whereof I have hereunto
set my hand & the Seal of said
Court, this twenty second day of
July in the year eighteen hundred
& forty four

Geo. F. Emery Register

Oxford County Maine
I David Hammons of Lovell depose & say that
I wrote the declaration of Betsy Keniston which
is hereunto annexed, That it was written from
the statements of said Betsy before I had
any knowledge of the facts of her marriage as
recorded in the Lebanon records. She is aged
and feeble but her recollection appears to be

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tolerable good upon some subjects- she says that
she never could write her name or read
a word of writing. Her son & sons wife with
whom she lives also say the same, I am per-
fectly satisfied that she can neither write
a word nor read a word of writing. The
only way that she come to a conclusion
as to the date of marriage was by telling
the month & day of the birth of her son
David, the age of her son which she said
was fifty nine and that she was married the
second or third day of April preceding the
birth of said son in March, I further state
that the said Betsey would be very easily de-
ceived and imposed upon- From my exam-
ination of her I do not think if she was told
the number of years ago that she was married,
that she has sufficient power of computation to
tell what year it was

Question proposed to the said Hammons, have
you been a member of the Maine Senate? Answer
I have.

David Hammons

Oxford J. I. Lovell July 12. 1844 Personally appeared
the above named David Hammons and made
oath that the above Deposition is true

Before me John Wood Jr Justice of the Peace

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We the Subscribers, Selectmen of the town of
Denmark in the County of Oxford and State
of Maine, do hereby certify that we have been
acquainted with Betsey Kenison, widow of
John Kenison, who was reputed to be a soldier
of the Revolution & a pensioner of the United
States, for many years past; that we never heard
ought against her character; and that she has
ever sustained a good reputation; and that in
our opinion she would not knowingly commit
or attempt to commit a fraud against the
United States, by obtaining or attempting to obtain
a pension not by law due to her. We further say
that the opinion of the Community in this
vicinity is, that, in making a former appli-
cation for a pension, four or five years ago,
she was an unconscious and innocent instrument,
in the hands of those she employed, it being
believed that the papers were read falsely to
her

William Lingue } Selectmen
Leonard R Ingalls } of
William F Davis } Denmark

I Mary Higgins of Denmark, in the County of
Oxford & State of Maine depose and say that
when I was a girl I resided in the town of
Lebanon in the County of York, and then Common-
wealth of Massachusetts now State of Maine. I

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I was seventy four years of age in May last. Betsy
or Betty Tall and John Kennison were published
in said Lebanon; I lived at the time in the
same house with said Betsy, they, the said
John & Betsy were dressed to be married, left
the house for the purpose of going to the Rev.
Mr. Husup, minister of said Lebanon, to be
married, returned, said they had been
married, and from that time until the death
of said John lived together as man & wife, I
did not see them married, but as am well
satisfied of the fact as if I had seen them
married; after they were married they resided
in said Lebanon for several years, I cannot
state the number, I never heard the fact
of their marriage called in question or doubted
from that time until the present, I was
young at the time, and cannot state the
year they were married, but it was soon
after he returned from the war, He was
out in the war, as a private as he always told
me for a little short I think of three years
Mr. John Mills & Margaret Kennison started
to be married at the same time and by the
same man; they all started from the same
house at the same time and returned together
at which house I was then residing. I was
applied to by a Mr. Mow three or four years
ago to give my affidavit of their marriage, I

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I should have been and was willing to give
it as above, but declined signing a paper which
he produced, and he ~~did~~ did not take my
affidavit

Witness

David Hammons

her
Mary Higgins

mark

Oxford N.H. July 6 1844 I personally appeared
the above named Mary Higgins and made oath
in due form of law that the above affidavit by
her signed is true

Before me David Hammons

Justice of the Peace

I certify that the above named Mary Higgins
is a woman of truth and veracity and of good
standing in society

D. Hammons Just. of Peace

I David B. Kennison of Denmark Oxford County
Maine, depose and say that I am the son
of John Kennison late of said Denmark
deceased, and of Betsy Kennison widow of
said John now resident of said Denmark
I am now fifty nine years of age, my father
the said John was a pensioner of the United
States for many years before his death which took
place ten or eleven years since

David B. Kennison

Offord S.S.

Personally appeared the above named David B. Kenison and made solemn oath, that the above statement by him signed by him is true

Before me Perkins Elliott Just. of Peace
Denmark July 8th, 1844

State of Maine

Offord S.S.

I Joseph G. Cole Clerk of all the Judicial Courts in said County certify that David Hammons, John Wood Jr and Perkins Elliott are severally Justices of the Peace within and for said County of Offord, duly Commissioned and qualified as such and that their several signatures to the papers herunto annexed are genuine

In testimony whereof I have herunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Supreme Judicial Court this twenty second day of July

1844

Joseph G. Cole Clerk

I Samuel Gibson of Denmark, Offord County Maine, depose and say that I have resided in said Denmark for rising twenty years past, that I have been acquainted with Betty or Betsey Kenison during said time, that I never heard

any thing against her character, but have believed it to be good. I further say that it is my belief that, in making an application for a pension some three or four years ago, which application is said to contain false statements, she was deceived. Said Betsey is the widow of John Kenison, late of said Denmark who was reputed to be a Revolutionary pensioner.

Question by J. Hammons agent for said Betsey, Have you been heretofore one of the County Commissioners for said County, a member of the State Senate, and a member of the House of Representatives? Ans. I have.

Saml. Gibson

Offord S.S. July 6. 1844 Then personally appeared the above named Samuel Gibson & made oath in due form of law that the above affidavit by him subscribed is true

Before me David Hammons
Justice of the Peace

I James Osgood of Fryeburg in the County of Offord & State of Maine Chairman of the board of County Commissioners in and for said County depose and say that I have been acquainted with Betsey Kenison of Denmark

in said County, widow of John Kenison who
was reputed to have been a Revolutionary
pensioner, for thirty years past, that said Betsey
has ever been a person of good & correct habits
and of undoubted good moral character. From
my acquaintance with said Betsey I do not
believe she would knowingly commit a
fraud upon the United States by obtain-
ing or attempting to obtain a pension not le-
gally due to her.

I further say that in public
estimation, the said Betsey, in making an
application for a pension some four^{or} five years
since, which declaration is said to be false
as to the time of her marriage, is believed to have
been deceived & imposed upon by those who
undertook to obtain it for her, she merely
having sworn to a lie fabricated & cooked up
by them & read falsely to her.

James Osgood

Attest D.P. May 4 1844 Then personally appeared
the above named James Osgood and made
oath that the above affidavit by him signed
is true.

Before me David Hammons
Just. of Peace

List of Marriages

Seventy hundred and eighty four April first
John Kenison Jun, and Betty Fall were
married

I hereby certify that the above is a true
copy of the record with the exception of
the date which is expressed in fair legible
figures as follows "1784 April 1st"

Gershom L. Fall Clerk
of the town of Lebanon in the County of York
and State of Maine

I G L Fall above named depose and say
that I hold the Office of Clerk in the Town
County & State aforesaid and that the above
is a true extract from the records of said
town of Lebanon with the exceptions above
named as certified by me

I further say that the above extract
appears to be in the hand writing of the
Rev Mr Hasty and that said record
appears to be genuine

Gershom L. Fall Clerk of Lebanon
aforesaid

Lebanon July 9th 1844 Personally appeared Gershom
L. Fall and made oath to the above

Before me Joshua Libbey } Justice Peace

State of Maine

York S.S.

I William Grafton Clerk of all the Judicial Courts in said County, do hereby certify that Joshua Libbey is an acting Justice of the Peace in and for said County as appears by the paper hereto annexed; that he is duly commissioned and qualified to act as such; that his Commission was dated on the fifth day of March 1840, and will expire on the fifth day of March 1847, and that the foregoing signature purporting to be his is genuine

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed the Seal of the Supreme Judicial Court for said State, this fifteenth day of July Anno Domini 1844

William Grafton Clerk

I Joseph Loving of Lebanon, in the County of York & State of Maine, depose & say, that I am pastor of the Congregational Church & parish in said Lebanon, I have in my possession the records of said church. In said records one leaf is wanting, containing the records of ten years marriages, to wit, from 1782 to 1792. By said records the marriage of John Kennison & Betty

Fall appears to have been solemnized April 2, 1779 but said record of said marriage is undoubtedly a forgery the Records stands thus

"1779 March 26 John James and Lydia Fox were married"

" David Farnham and Anna Wingate were married

" April 2^d John Kennison Jr & Betty Fall were married"

" 2 Richard Perkins and Abigail Cook were married"

By the town Books penned by Rev Mr Hensy at the same time it thus 1778 April 22. Henry Stevens and Mary Farnham were married"

" 23 Richard Perkins and Abigail Cook were married"

It therefore appears that 1778 was altered 1779 & April 22 to April 2^d & Henry Stevens & Mary Farnham to John Kennison Jun. & Betty Fall.

I copy from the town books of said ^{Lebanon} penned by the Rev Mr Hensy at the same time "1784 March 12 Jonathan Rankins & Molly Champen were married" April 1 John Kennison Jun. and Betty Fall were married John Mills Jun. and Peggy Kennison were married Lebanon June 7th 1844

Joseph Loving } Pastor of the
Cong. Church
of Lebanon Maine

York S.S.

Then the within named Joseph Loving Personally appeared & made oath to the foregoing affidavit Before me

Joshua Libbey } Justice of the Peace
Lebanon June the 8. 1844

State of Maine
York County } S.S.

I William Shafston, Clerk of all the Judicial Courts within and for said County, do hereby certify that Joshua Libbey is an acting Justice of the Peace, within and for said County, duly Commissioned and qualified; that his commission was dated on the fifth day of March 1840 and will expire on the fifth day of March 1847 and that his signature above written is genuine

(S.S.)

Given under my hand and the seal of the Supreme Judicial Court for said State, this fifteenth day of July A.D. 1844

William Shafston Clerk

State of Maine
Cumberland S.S.

I Charles Cobb Clerk of all the Judicial Courts in said County, certify that, the Hon Daniel Goodenow, is Judge of the Western District Court for the State of Maine, as appears by the paper hereto annexed; that he is duly qualified to act as such and that the following signature purporting to be his is genuine

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand

(S.S.)

and affixed the seal of the Western District Court for said State, this tenth day of July Anno Domini 1844

Charles Cobb Clerk

State of Maine York S.S.

At the request of David Hammons Esq I have this ninth day of July A.D. 1844 examined the original Town Records of the town of Lebanon in the County of York and State of Maine, which have been proved to me to be the original Records of said town, and to be in the hand writing of the Rev Isaac Hensley the first settled Minister of said town, and I hereby certify that the same are written in a fair, legible hand writing without the slightest appearance of mutilation, and I have at the request of Mr Hammons made the following extract

1784 Jan 3 Thomas Bray & Molly Taylor
" 26 Joseph Bickford & Debby Tibbets } were married "
" March 11 Thomas Blaisdell & Elizabeth Vining } by the Rev. "
" 12 Jonathan Rankins & Molly Champlin } Mr Isaac Hensley
" April 1 John Kenison Jun. & Betty Fall } Attest
" John Mills Jun. & Peggy Kenison } Town Clerk "
" 9 Eliphalet Young & Susannah Halingford
" Novem 18 Nathaniel Chamberlain & Sarah Furber
" Decemr 9 Nicholas Ford and Rachel Clark

Extracted

I do not intend to state that the whole Book of Records is in the hand writing of the Rev. Mr

Isaac Hensy but that the whole of the above extracted is in his hand writing, and a large part of the whole Book. It also appears from the same records that "at a legal Town meeting held at Lebanon the 22^d day of March 1784" Mr Joseph Farham was chosen Town Clerk, and that his signature to the attestation, is omitted in a number of instances, where the record itself is made in the handwriting of the said Mr Hensy

I further state, that it has been proved to my entire satisfaction that John Henison Tur, and Betty Hall were legally married by the Rev^d Isaac Hensy on the first day of April 1784; and I have no doubt of the correctness of the statements of James Osgood and Samuel Gibson, Esquires, both of whom are gentlemen who sustain characters for intelligence and truth

Daniel Goodnow

Justice of the District
Court of the western
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I am personally acquainted with the within named David Hammons, Samuel Gibson James Osgood and Daniel Goodnow and certify that they are gentlemen of high character and standing and of unquestionable veracity

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